Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of receiving ~~an encrypted application~~ one or more applications at a terminal in a digital broadcasting system, the terminal having access to an interaction channel which can carry signalling to an external party, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving details concerning the ~~encrypted application~~ one or more applications, the details stored in an Application Information Table (AIT);

authorizing the terminal to access the ~~encrypted application~~ one or more applications by sending an authorization request over the interaction channel to an authorizing entity;

receiving a key over the interaction channel in response to being authorized;

receiving the ~~encrypted application~~ one or more applications; and

decrypting the ~~encrypted application~~ one or more applications using the received key;

~~wherein a user of the terminal selectively accesses the encrypted application from a plurality of service providers without subscribing to any of the service providers~~

wherein the terminal determines whether the one or more applications are encrypted; and

wherein a portion of the AIT contains either (i) a separate file for each encrypted application or (ii) a single file for all encrypted applications.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the step of receiving the details concerning the ~~encrypted application~~ one or more applications comprises receiving a launcher application which is arranged to authorize the terminal.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the step of receiving the details concerning the ~~encrypted application~~ one or more applications comprises receiving a launcher application which is arranged to decrypt ~~the~~ each encrypted application.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 2 wherein the launcher application is received via a different delivery channel to ~~the~~ each encrypted application.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the step of decrypting ~~the~~ each encrypted application is performed by an application loader.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5 wherein the application loader is a JAVA™ ClassLoader.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the received details include one or more of: an encryption method used to encrypt the application; cost of the application; payment details.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of collecting payment details from the user of the terminal.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of collecting payment from a user of the terminal.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the terminal has a public/private key pair and the step of contacting an external party comprises sending the public key to the external party.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10 further comprising receiving a decryption key from the external party which has been encrypted using the public key.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10 wherein the public/private key pair uniquely identify the terminal.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claims 10 wherein the public key is signed by a manufacturer of the terminal.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the digital broadcasting system does not require said external party to pay a fee.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the digital broadcasting system is a Multimedia Home Platform (MHP).

Claims 16-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting ~~an application~~ one or more applications to a terminal in a digital broadcasting system, the terminal having access to an interaction channel which can carry signalling to an external party, the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting details about ~~an encrypted application~~ the one or more applications, the details stored in an Application Information Table (AIT), including a launcher application which is arranged to authorize the terminal to access the ~~encrypted application~~ one or more applications by sending an authorization request over the interaction channel to an authorizing entity;

receiving a key over the interaction channel in response to being authorized;

decrypting the ~~application~~ one or more applications using the key; and

transmitting the ~~encrypted application~~ one or more applications;

~~wherein a user of the terminal selectively accesses the encrypted application from a plurality of service providers without subscribing to any of the service providers~~

wherein the terminal determines whether the one or more applications are encrypted; and

wherein a portion of the AIT contains either (i) a separate file for each encrypted application or (ii) a single file for all encrypted applications.

20. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-readable~~ machine-readable medium storing a set of programmable instructions configured for execution by at least one processor for providing for ~~an application~~ one or more applications for transmission to a terminal in a digital broadcast system, the method comprising the steps of:

providing the terminal with access to an interaction channel which can carry signalling to an external party, the ~~application~~ one or more applications comprising a launcher application comprising code which, when executed by a processor in the terminal, causes the processor to perform the steps of:

transmitting details about the one or more applications, the details stored in an Application Information Table (AIT),

authorizing the terminal to access ~~an encrypted application~~ the one or more applications by sending an authorization request over the interaction channel to an authorizing entity and to receive a key over the interaction channel in response to being authorized; and

decrypting the ~~encrypted application~~ one or more applications using the received key,

~~wherein a user of the terminal selectively accesses the encrypted application from a plurality of service providers without subscribing to any of the service providers~~

wherein the terminal determines whether the one or more applications are encrypted; and

wherein a portion of the AIT contains either (i) a separate file for each encrypted application or (ii) a single file for all encrypted applications.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting ~~an encrypted application~~ one or more applications to a terminal in a digital broadcasting system in which a conditional access (CA) system is not in use, the method comprising:

transmitting unencrypted details about the ~~encrypted application~~ one or more applications, the details stored in an Application Information Table (AIT), and the details including one or more of: an encryption method used to encrypt the application; cost of the application; payment details; and

transmitting the ~~encrypted application~~ one or more applications;

~~wherein a user of the terminal selectively accesses the encrypted application from a plurality of service providers without subscribing to any of the service providers~~

wherein the terminal determines whether the one or more applications are encrypted; and

wherein a portion of the AIT contains either (i) a separate file for each encrypted application or (ii) a single file for all encrypted applications.

23. (Cancelled)